

HOUSE BILL 3964

By Curtiss

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 1, relative to higher education tuition discounts for children and grandchildren of Purple Heart recipients.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 49-7-1\_\_.

(a) Every child in Tennessee under twenty-four (24) years of age, whose parent or grandparent received the Purple Heart, shall receive a twenty-five percent (25%) discount on tuition to any state operated institution of higher learning. To be eligible for a tuition discount under this section, a child shall present either the department of defense form 214 (DD 214) or the Purple Heart certificate to verify that the Purple Heart was received and documentation sufficient to show that the child is the child or grandchild of the person who received the Purple Heart.

(b) Children eligible for a tuition waiver under § 49-7-102 shall not be eligible for a tuition discount under this section.

(c) The Tennessee higher education commission is hereby directed, authorized and empowered to promulgate and adopt such rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions of this section, including rules and regulations for the allocation of appropriations specifically appropriated for the implementation of the provisions of this section. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

(d) Any reimbursements to a state operated institution of higher learning for the tuition discounts provided by this section shall be limited to those funds specifically

appropriated for that purpose in the general appropriations act. Such reimbursement shall be limited to providing for the discount on tuition provided for in this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.